

simply, and he will explain in detail, I'm sure, it would require election commissioners or county clerks to report election results by precinct. Those are the key words, "by precinct", to the Secretary of State eight weeks after the election. The committee amendments do basically three things. They were brought to us by several people. I think the Secretary of State was involved in all three of the committee amendments. They say, quite simply, that...make it clear that this would apply to both the primary and the general election. There would some doubt that it might apply just to the general, but it would be to both primary and general elections. They limit the reporting requirement to elections for the Legislature, Public Service Commission, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Treasurer and Attorney General, in other words, statewide elections. They wanted this clarification just to make sure they didn't have to provide the information for power boards, or what have you. That was the Secretary of State's suggestion. The third thing the committee amendments do is specifically authorize the Secretary of State to charge a photocopying fee for people that want these results by precinct, specify that the Secretary of State's Office does not have to compile or publish these results, just make them available, make them available, that it simply is a central repository for someone that here in Lincoln may want the results by precinct of the election, for example, in Senator Owen Elmer's district, without driving clear to McCook or calling out there, that that information would be available here in Lincoln. I urge your adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have heard the motion to adopt the committee amendments. Discussion? Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman waives. Senator Wesely, on the amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, if I could ask Senator Rupp a question. Senator Rupp, in the discussion in the committee on the hearing on this reporting, one of the things that I was concerned about, and Senator Pappas may want to answer as well, is, if you remember in the election this last November, there were a lot of close races. One of those particularly affected us on the December meet date and we did not know results of that. It was the most pathetic example of electioneering I have seen in a long time. The Secretary of State had no idea of what was going on. We had the press, the wire services, trying to get figures. They had one reporting that it had won by one percent, another one they had lost by one